

the important & depressed mapes of the Southern
States.

I thank you for what you say about the
Nation. Deeply interested as I am in the success
of that enterprise, I value very much criticism
to carefully considered & judicious. I have taken
the liberty - which I trust you will excuse - of
sending you letter & its enclosure to Mr. Godkin.
With love to Mrs May & the rest of your family
I am, Dear Sir, very

post next Monday; - there to
stick till my special work
is done. My special work
being to amalgamate all
the Freedmen's Associations,
and all the leading auxili-
aries of the Sanitary &
Christian Commission
into one great national
body, whose business it
shall be - in cooperation with
the Governmental Bureau -
to elevate, educate & enfranchise

O.S. The criticisms which I am hearing all
the time of the station, are quite different
in their character. Robert Purvis says
it is dull, heavy & over the head of the
people. Charles J. Follen says of the 1st
No. "It is the most brilliant no of a
newspaper I ever read in my life." —
(an intelligent abolitionist) says: "it is flat
& promises to be a failure." Chas. E. Norton
writes "I can't speak in terms too high of
the paper. My family are equally delighted
with it. our best expectations are realized."
But it certainly does not fully satisfy our old
abolitionists. It is not sufficiently pungent. Their
tastes require pepper & mustard. J.W.C.

German town

July 19th

1865

My dear May

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Your letter, find me
by accident, in Phila. My
place is the office of the
Am. F. A. Union of Japan

At New York; but being totally
used up & run down I
came home a few days
ago to rest & recuperate.

I am now in better health
& expect to be back at my